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1. Laerz Airfield

2. Roggentin and Rechlin Airfields

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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] 42 jet fighters with swept-back wings, 5 jet aircraft with a step under the fuselage, 3 single-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines, and 2 PO-2s were seen at Laerz airfield. It could not be seen whether more aircraft were parked at or near the woods east of the landing field.

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2. [redacted] 24 swept-back jet fighters and two single-engine low-wing monoplanes, the latter covered with tarpaulins, were counted at the field. There was no flying. The sky was overcast.

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3. [redacted] no flights were made at the field. [redacted] 12 swept-back jet fighters landed individually at the field at intervals of about 1,000 meters. All the planes had red four-digit numbers. They had not taken off from the field. Three swept-back jet fighters including two [redacted] took off from the field at [redacted] and landed again after 23 minutes. In the afternoon, there was intensive flying in formations of three, five, and six planes. [redacted] about 40 swept-back jet fighters, 3 single-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines, and 2 biplanes were parked on the landing field.

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4. [redacted] about 50 swept-back jet fighters, and three jet fighters with a step in the fuselage were parked on the landing field. There was formation flying.

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[redacted] 50 swept-back jet fighters, 3 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, and 1 biplane were seen at the field. There was intensive flying in small formations in clear weather. The planes usually flew toward Wittstock.

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5. Two tactical formations of four alert planes each were parked on the eastern end of the E-W runway. These planes did not participate in the practice flights. The numbers on the planes could not be ascertained but it was seen that they were red two-digit and four-digit numbers. No planes with blue or black numbers were seen at the field during the period of observation. (2) The single-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines had a cockpit which began about in line with the middle of the wings and tapered into the fuselage toward the rear. (3)

25X1 6. [redacted] two searchlights mounted on two-axle rubber-tired carriages were seen on both sides of, and about 500 meters from, the east end of the runway. No change was observed at the radio beacon on Hill 77.1.

25X1 7. [redacted] about 15 closed aircraft crates were seen in the woods south of the east end of the runway. The following number of railroad tank cars were seen on the spur track at the field [redacted]

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8. [redacted]

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25X1 10. [redacted] 34 swept-back jet fighters and motor vehicles
25X1B [redacted] were seen on Laerz airfield.

25X1A [redacted] Comments.

(1) The airfield is occupied by about 50 MiG-15s. It has not been determined whether one or two fighter regiments are stationed there. If there are two regiments it is believed that the aircraft of one regiment are distinguished by red

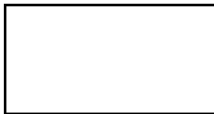
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- (2)
- (3) The planes cannot be identified from the description but are believed to be Yak-11s.
- (4) The motor vehicle [redacted] belong to units at Laerz airfield. They do not indicate whether the field is occupied by one or two fighter regiments.
- (5) At present both airfields are not suitable for occupation by flying units. One fighter division headquarters is stationed in Rechlin.

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